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I Remember Foggy Bottom

By Mary E. Healy

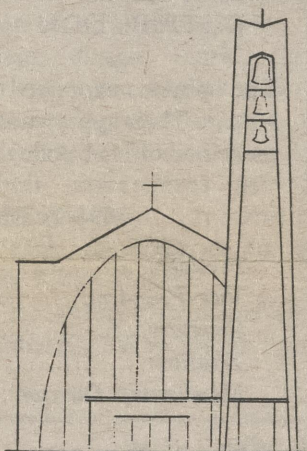
Mary Healy, Foggy Bottom pioneer and its unofficial mayor, wrote this delightful memoir in 1981 at the request of then Editor Kathy Haley. We are pleased and proud to present it, in parts, illustrated by drawing from early issues of Foggy Bottom News.

Part II

Columbia Hospital for Women at 25th and L probably had not even dared to dream of the Clinic on 24th Street much less the new East Wing which was just dedicated. In 1957 I was no longer afraid of Columbia Hospital because it was a real asylum for disturbed women; I knew by then that it was one of the finest hospitals in the area for treatment of problems associated with women and for infants. Today it is one of the leading hospitals in the country for these purposes.

The Federal Supermarket, with Ann, Lester, Henry, Estelle and Al, had been in the Bottom for several years and the market and its owners were the salvation of our neighborhood with quality food and family-like friendliness. It's still the same friendly place after all these years.

Our wonderful old St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church was still proudly displaying itself from the outside while the inside was fighting a losing battle not to fall down around our heads. One night a big pillar did just that and for Msgr. Denges it was the last straw; he collared the Bishop, showed him the debris and said something to the effect that we have just got to have a new church. And a beautiful new Church we did get! It was dedicated in June 1961 and has served our resi-



St. Stephen Martyr Church

dents in the Bottom well ever since, along with providing spiritual comfort for many who work in the area and who visit the area. Before I moved into the Bottom I attended Mass at St. Stephen's on many occasions. Most of the time I was slightly late (coming from a long distance away) and I used to have to sit either in the basement or up in the choir area. I must admit going up those old steps to the choir area as truly scary; they were so rickety.

The building at 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue was only a few years old in 1957 and it created quite an impression on that block; it butted up against a nice row of town houses where residents regularly sat outside on the iron steps and chatted among themselves and to passersby. Washington Circle Drug, our friendly neighborhood pharmacy, was then run by Pollack and Witt. The north side of Pennsylvania Avenue across from the Church looked in 1957 pretty much as it does today. Great things should be in store for that block.

The Western Market at 22nd and K was still going strong in 1957. I still remember hocking my soul to buy their famous French lamb chops. Meat was really meat then. And, old No. 3 Police Precinct was our closest security on K St. at about 20th. Jack Hunt's Raw Bar was going strong in '57 on Pennsylvania Ave. between 17th and 18th. Just down the street a few blocks from Hunt's was the old Emergency Hospital on New York Ave between 17th and 18th which was being converted to an office building for the first national headquarters of the new Federal Aviation Agency. I helped tear down this building and put it back together again to suit the FAA's needs. I still remember getting goose bumps when I had to go

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At the February meeting: Speakers on Bus Service and New Feeding Program

The February meeting will include two topics: changes in bus service within Foggy Bottom and the new homeless breakfast feeding program in Foggy Bottom.

Thanks to Ward 2 City Council Member Jack Evans, who chairs the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board, **Herb Leonard**, METRO's Government Relations Officer, will address us about changes in Metrobus service in Foggy Bottom. He will bring a large map to show us the bus routes that will serve our community.

Patricia Makin, Executive Director of the Cooperative Urban Ministry Center, will address us about the new homeless breakfast feeding program at 19th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. She will give us an opportunity to inspect the inside of the new "super van" which was paid for by funds we secured from the International Monetary Fund.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, at St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W. SAE members from GWU are available to escort attendees home after the meeting.

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Featured Speakers:
Herb Leonard

Government Relations Officer, METRO

Patricia Makin

Executive Director, Cooperative Urban
Ministry Center

Monday, February 27, 1995

St. Paul's Parish Hall
2430 K Street, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting: March 27)

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Traffic Alert . . .

Parkway Near Kennedy Center Will Have Lanes Closed

Traffic on Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway below Virginia Avenue is being severely restricted because of construction in and under the parking garage at the John F. Kennedy Center which partially overhangs the Parkway. The restrictions began in early February and will continue about nine months.

U.S. Park Police announced that the two northbound lanes south of Virginia Avenue will be closed and the two southbound lanes will be used to carry traffic in both directions during the construction period.

In addition, it will be completely closed from midnight until 6:00 a.m. in both directions with barricades posted at Virginia Avenue and at Parkway Drive. Detour signs will direct traffic around the Kennedy

Center via Virginia Avenue. (Actual construction work will take place during this time period.)

The Monday-through-Friday patterns are as follows:

•From 6:00-9:30 a.m., both of the southbound lanes will be opened for southbound morning rush-hour traffic.

•From 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., two-way traffic will be allowed on the southbound lanes of the Parkway.

•From 3:45-6:30 p.m., both of the southbound lanes will be opened for northbound evening rush-hour traffic.

•From 6:30 p.m.-midnight, two-way traffic will resume using the southbound lanes.

Weekend traffic through the area also will be in both directions using the southbound lanes.



Sidewalk Talk by Betty Olsen in your January 1995 issue of the *Foggy Bottom News* mentioned that the Claridge House had cleared the median on K Street adjacent to its co-op recently and asked the Barclay and Bader about cleaning our side of the street.

The Bader takes umbrage at this comment. For your information, the Bader cleans its sidewalk, curb and median strip 5 days a week! And, residents of the Bader have always been a party to the neighborhood cleanups. I might add that the junk — newspapers and other debris — is usually the result of Barclay's garbage which is parked in the street.

Jenny Brake
President

Bader Unit Owners Association

Crime Council Meets

At the February 1 Citizens Advisory Council to the Second District Police Department, Commander Boggs stated that for the month of January overall crime in Sector I, which includes Foggy Bottom, increased due to higher robberies and theft from autos. The robberies were mostly associated with parking lots and garages and the police have made several arrests. To combat thefts from autos, scout cars will spend more time in the Foggy Bottom area and police will put fliers on cars alerting owners of potential problems. Commander Boggs is filling in for the Second District chief, Inspector Ken Hutson, who is on leave for a work-related injury.

The Citizens Council selected Officer George Rusnak as Officer of the Year for 1994. Rusnak was selected for saving the life of a fellow officer. An award ceremony will be held at the next Citizens' meeting on Wednesday March 1, 1995 at 8:00 p.m.

Counseling Offered by GWU

Area residents can now receive inexpensive counseling services at The George Washington University's Counseling Lab. A clinical training facility for master and doctoral students enrolled in the counseling programs, the Counseling Lab is a nonprofit, educational community service.

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Foggy Bottom's Home to SWW

By Beth Donovan

When people in Foggy Bottom tell friends and relatives about their neighborhood, they are likely to mention that it is the home of The George Washington University, among other things. What they are less likely to cite, or even be aware of for that matter, is that their borough is also home to another noteworthy scholastic institution.

The School Without Walls, located right on the GW campus, is an alternative high school for students who desire learning experiences that occur within the context of "the real world." The school enrolls some 250 students from all over the District with diverse social, cultural and racial backgrounds. Using the city as a classroom, students pursue critical thinking and vocational skills through inquiry, experimentation and discussions. Additionally, students spend part of the week learning in the traditional classroom setting.

SWW, founded in 1971 by the District of Columbia School Board, is designed to encourage students to analyze and negotiate the teaching and learning process. Students consult with their teachers and counselors to help design their own educational plan. Some

special features include independent study, resource instructions, peer teaching, seminars, internships, adjunct professors from GW, college classes and museum and field studies.

Students have core credit requirements in the same subjects as their counterparts in traditional public schools. These include areas such as English, math, science, health and physical education, U.S. history and government and a foreign language. Additionally, however, they must study D.C. history and are allowed a large number of electives in order to mold their education more closely to their individual needs.

Students may use electives to take more classes in the above-mentioned traditional fields or they may choose from a wide variety of specialty courses in such disciplines as dance, art, photography, interior design, music, choir, drama, video, keyboarding and media production. Among places where students have done their internships are the Smithsonian Institution, NASA, the National Zoo and the White House.

According to principal Emily Crandall, SWW means "mind

without barriers." Says Crandall, "We want students to question answers, not just answer questions." Another unique feature of SWW is its symbiotic relationship with George Washington University. Although SWW has its own library, students also have access to GW's Gelman Library in addition to Funder Hall Auditorium, the Marvin Center Theatre and cafeterias, and the Smith Center facilities.

Crandall feels strongly about the value of diversity. "A diverse learning environment validates the fact that all students, and all people, can work and learn together." She continues, "We make a special effort to include in our humanities program the differences in people, so that lesson may be translatable from school to the real world."

As a credit to its success, SWW's unique program has achieved notice as far away as Latin America.

A few years ago, a member of the Panamanian Ministry of Education made a special trip to Washington to study the school and has since worked on implementing a similar program in Panama.

Comment From the Council

By Jack Evans, Ward 2 Councilmember

THE BUDGET CRISIS

The District is struggling, as most of you know, with a \$631 million deficit and an additional \$91 million cash problem. This \$722 million problem is offset somewhat by actions taken by the D.C. Council in December, including \$279 million in government agency budget cuts. Notwithstanding those actions, however, District residents should be prepared for far greater cuts in the future.

It is no surprise that the District has lived beyond its means for many years. Unfortunately, it has attempted to do so through accounting gimmicks and tax increases. Both need to cease, the former because the gimmicks have largely run out, the latter because tax increases have driven residents and businesses out of the city, depriving us of needed revenue base.

If we as a jurisdiction are to regain our collective feet, we must do so with a streamlined government that focuses on basic services, such as public works, education and public safety. This streamlined government has to be funded with lower tax rates for our citizens and businesses, rates which will encourage other individuals and business entities to settle in the District of Columbia.

Moreover, such a government will need to depend on the federal government for additional support. My preference, one that I have stated for several years, is that the federal government (which in some very real sense is our state) must begin to assume certain typically state functions: the correctional system, the university, the law school, Medicaid, AFDC, mental health provisions.

While awaiting the March 8 submission of the Mayor's budget for the next fiscal year, the Council is conducting oversight hearings on the implementation of its December budget actions. But, this is only a first step toward getting our house in order. We must continue to make painful cuts in our agencies. These cuts are necessary both to reduce the size of our deficit and to convince Congress of our resolve to act responsibly and resolutely to show greater stability in District finances. Only after such stability has been retained will we be able to resume a normal state of affairs in the District without the constant fear of service reductions and a variety of fee and fare increases.

Foggy Bottom Updates

•My office is continuing to work with residents and agency officials as we move toward ensuring better maintenance of the public parks in the Foggy Bottom area, including the parks in the vicinity of 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue and 21st and Virginia.

•I am supportive of the recent idea to convert the Metropolitan Police Department's Special Operations Division (22nd and L Streets, NW) into a precinct station. This greater access to security for the Foggy Bottom community would be pivotal in the efforts to combat area crime.

•I have been working with residents to crack down on delivery and sanitation trucks who do not obey the lawful hours of operation (which begin at 7:00 a.m.).

•At the request of several Foggy Bottom residents, I have requested a roundtable on how to better regulate bicycle couriers, particularly those who pose a threat to pedestrians.

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By Betty Olsen

George of the Four Seasons who has been an advertiser in the *News* has begun a newsletter telling about what goes on there. I enjoyed especially the news of their new adoption of a yellow Labrador retriever named Binky. He was adopted from the Labrador Rescue Squad, a Maryland-based organization whose mission it is to find homes for this breed.

Saw **Carl Anthony's** write-up in *Town and Country* recently telling of a visit with Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Anthony is the one who was moderator for the popular First Ladies series held this fall at George Washington University. Taped sessions of it ran on television during the holidays.

Henrietta Zoltrow sent me a clever cut out of my photo which ran in the last issue of *By George*. In the picture I was talking with Rosalyn Carter during the First Ladies' series. **Dennis Fawcette**, editor of *By George*, has quite a following in our neighborhood.

Michael Mears calls me from time to time to ask how to get in touch with someone. Recently he dropped me by the BIGGEST chocolate bar for helping him out on those occasions. Wasn't that sweet? By the way, Michael, I am a chocoholic so keep them coming.

The American Cancer Society joins with Coach Mike Jarvis and the George Washington University Colonials in an ongoing event where individuals, clubs and businesses pledge dollars for each three-point shot made by the team during the regular basketball season. Registration booths will be available starting this month at all home games.



For more information call Tracy Tajbl at 483-2600. Help the American Cancer Society get a "jump" on cancer.

A certain hardworking lady has charmed **Mick's** into joining the FBA member discount list. The restaurant, at the corner of 24th & Pennsylvania, is giving 10% off to FBA members; take your membership card, though, since it must be presented. The discount applies whether the member is buying only his/her meal or meals for several friends.

The Colonials, George Washington University's basketball team, won a biggie when they beat #1 U. of Mass. recently with **President Bill Clinton** and daughter **Chelsea** in attendance. After the game the President visited both locker rooms — after all — he is a politician.

Met **Wolf Blitzer**, senior White House correspondent of CNN, and found out that he holds season tickets to the Colonial games. It is the thing to do these days. Go Colonials! Blitzer was guest speaker at the first

meeting of an eight-week course on communications at the University.

President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg of GWU packed us in for his annual visit as guest speaker to the Foggy Bottom Association. That is one energetic man! **Lou Katz**, **Walter Bortz**, **Sandy Holland**, and **Jane Lingo** also were present. **Tom Murphy** of Tom Murphy fame was even on hand for Trachtenberg's talk. Did you know that they have known each other for 25 years since their years on *The Hill*?

Watergate Opticians is now under new ownership and management—that of **Cliff Parsons**. Parsons has been connected to the store for years when Nancy Glick owned it but when she moved to Naples, Florida a while ago (by the way she is in her new house there now) they began negotiations for Parsons' takeover. Well, Glick came up to sign, seal and deliver all the papers which Parsons then signed, sealed and delivered all the papers, too. Look for changes—Parsons is full of ideas for his new shop. For one thing, he will make house calls; Yes, you read it right—house calls for those who can't get out for their optical needs in the area. He also has a show with merchandise to show and — ahem — sell, and will travel to do so entertainingly. Will keep you informed with more of his plans as he goes along and shares them with us.

Met **Dr. J. Howell Tiller** in the Fresco eatery in the Watergate Mall when he stopped for coffee one morning. Tiller advertised in the *News* last month for his Watergate Cosmetic Surgery offices.

At St. Mary's Church

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner

Again this year, St. Mary's Episcopal Church will begin the Lenten Season with the traditional "Shrove Tuesday" pancake and sausage dinner. The event will be held Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m. Donations are \$6.00 adults and \$3.00 for children.

Services on Ash Wednesday are at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings during Lent the church will offer a simple dinner of bread, salad and soup. A program will be presented from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., when portions of the film "Jesus of Nazareth" will be

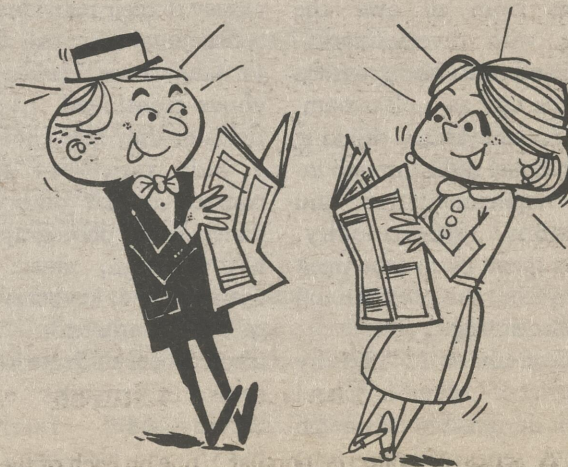
shown followed by discussion.

Lenten recitals are also being planned, beginning March 8, at 12:00 noon, followed by Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m.

Library Cuts Begin

As of press time, furlough days for the District libraries have been set. March 10, April 14, April 28 and May 26 are days when the libraries are to be closed; it is also anticipated that West End will no longer be open on Wednesday and Monday evenings; the evening hours will be changed to Thursdays.

The West End Branch will also be closed one weekday (possibly Friday), but that has not yet been decided. When the final decision is made, we will let *FBNews*' readers know.



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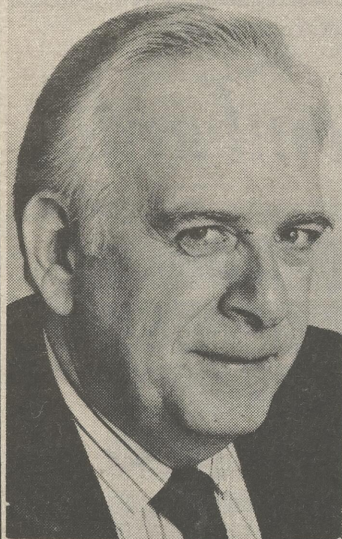
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Captain Swope Transferred; John Taylor Is Successor

As a result of a recent reorganization, Captain Ross Swope of the Metropolitan Police Department was transferred to the Fifth Police District. Swope was the Commander for the Second District's Sector I which included Foggy Bottom/West End. Swope will be replaced by Captain John Taylor. The transfer was effective January 29, 1995.

Swope did not seek a transfer, and in fact, he had declined opportunities for other prime positions in the Department. In a statement to the Foggy Bottom Association, Swope stated, "My tenure as Sector I Commander has been one of the most rewarding periods in my career . . . due to the special affinity, devotion and obligation I felt for the community that I served and the police officers I worked with. It is my feeling that we, and I stress 'WE,' have accomplished much."

The new commander for the Second District's Sector One is John W. Taylor, a native Wash-

ingtonian and graduate of Howard University. Captain Taylor joined the force in December 1966, and served in the 6th, 9th and 13th Precincts. In September, 1983, he was promoted to captain and assigned to the Second District as a sector commander. He later was reassigned to the robbery branch and delinquency branch, and returned to the Second District earlier this year. Captain Taylor's interests include "recreating in or near calm bodies of water." Sounds like a smart man!

We welcome him to the area and look forward to working with him on areas of concern.

Another piece of police news: an old friend of many in FB is Martha "Marty" Clark, for many years a community services officer at the Second District. Marty transferred to another district several years ago, and now has retired from the department. (Most of us still wonder how she could be old enough to retire!)

"Music at Noon" Resumes at The United Church

A series of concerts popular among people who work in Foggy Bottom and the West End neighborhood, "Music at Noon," was discontinued due to the relocation of its former performance venue, Western Presbyterian Church. The series is alive and well, however, and will start again on March 2nd with a set of five Thursday concerts,

one on each of the Thursdays in March, from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m.

Three of the concerts will be provided by a chamber orchestra, and the other two will be recitals by local professional musicians. The concerts will be open to the public, free of charge, and are presented as a public service to the neighborhood and to the city.

Smoking and Women's Health

Despite the well-publicized health hazards of smoking, increasing numbers of women, particularly women in their late teens and early 20s, start smoking each year.

On average, it takes at least three attempts to become smoke-free, according to smoking cessation experts. The December issue of the *National Women's Health Report*, "Smoking and Women's Health," explores how smoking affects women's health, why cigarette smoking can be such a difficult habit to break, and which methods are recommended by experts to quit and remain smoke-free.

The *Health Report* is published by the not-for-profit National Women's Health Resource Center (NWHRC), the national clearinghouse for women's

health information, in Washington, D.C. The newsletter provides comprehensive, objective information to consumers about women's health. Yearly membership to the NWHRC is \$15/student; \$25/individual; and \$75/organization and includes a subscription for the *Health Report*, as well as discounts on other women's health information available from the Resource Center.

Complimentary copies of the *Health Report* are available for the media; copies for consumers are \$2/per copy, pre-paid; bulk orders are available. To request a copy of the December *Health Report* or for more information about other NWHRC services, call 202-293-6045 or write: NWHRC, 2440 M St., N.W. #325, Washington, D.C. 20037

Items of Interest from the D.C. Register

By Barbara F. Kahlrow

Notice of Final Rulemaking

- 1/20 Department of Recreation & Parks regarding fees, including for all D.C. swimming pools (e.g. \$1/visit for youth 6-17 & seniors over age 55 and \$3/visit for other adults)

Other Notices

- 1/6 D.C. Comprehensive Plan Act of 1984 Land Use Amendment Act of 1994 sent to Congress for 30 legislative sessions days of review on 12/27/94
- 1/13 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board application for renewal of liquor license for "Provence" at 2401 Pa. Av. (including outdoor dining on L Street)
- 2/3 ABC Board application for liquor license for "Vivace Enoteca" at 2311 M Street
- 2/3 Zoning Commission's Order for minor PUD modification for the Arts Club at 20th & I Streets (including partial enclosure in front of "Primi Piatti")

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Police Academy Tour March 18

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Two passenger vans from the Boys and Girls Club will be at the Second District to transport us to the academy, or if more convenient, you can meet us at the academy. We have scheduled our tour to start at 11:00 a.m. Please contact the Community Services Office on 282-0050 to reserve a seat in the van, or to let us know if you will be meeting us at the academy.

This is the first class scheduled for 1995 and is part of a series designed to acquaint citizens with the many services and operations of the Police Department. The Second District headquarters is at 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W.

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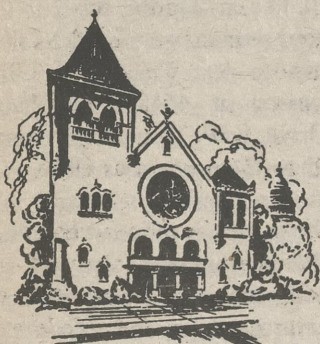
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United Celebrates Twenty Years

On Sunday, February 26, the public is cordially invited to join members and friends of The United Church, 20th and G Streets, Northwest, in a service



Union United Methodist Church

of celebration. The event, which will begin at 4:00 p.m., is the first of a series of events planned to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the merger of two

Foggy Bottom congregations: Concordia United Church of Christ and Union Methodist Church - to form The United Church.

The service on February 26 will be led by the clergy and choir of The United Church, joined by individuals and ensembles from other congregations in Washington and by four of the ensembles that rehearse regularly in the church: The Monday Recorder Group, the George Washington University Gospel Choir, the Bank/Fund Choral Society, and "Jenny and Friends." The service is open to the public, free of charge. A free-will offering will be requested. A reception will follow in the church lounge.

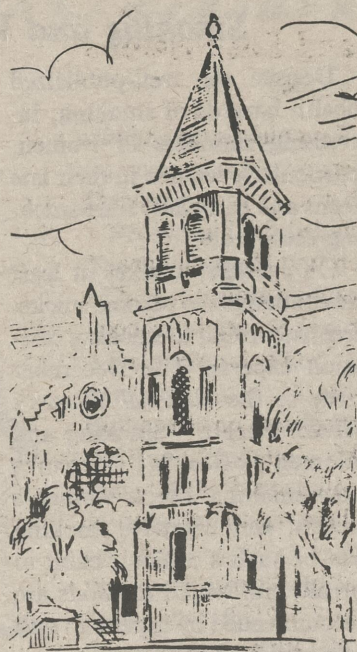
Bach's Cantata No. 79 at The United Church

On Sunday, February 26, services at the United Church will be enhanced by a performance of J.S. Bach's cantata, "God, the Lord is Sun and Shield," as sung by The United Church Choir. The choir will be joined by members of other choirs and persons who have a special interest in singing in the German language, and additional volunteers are welcome.

Portions of the cantata will be sung at a special service of

celebration on Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m., when the church celebrates the twentieth anniversary of its existence as a merged United Methodist and United Church of Christ congregation.

The United Church is located at 20th and G Streets, N.W. Persons who would like to participate in this event should contact the church office at (202) 331-1495. The public is welcome at all services at the United Church.



United Church of Christ

Dartmouth Singers at United Church

The Dartmouth College Chamber Singers will perform at The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W., on Saturday, March 18 at 7 p.m. The ensemble of 24 students, conducted by David Krement, will perform a variety of music from madrigals to the twentieth century. Each year the Dartmouth College Singers go on tour and every winter they perform the "Feast of Song" on campus, an original production which includes a madrigal dinner, singing and dancing. The performance is free. The church is handicapped accessible. For further information, please call The United Church at (202) 331-1495.

Brunton Retires from St. Mary's

Barbara Brunton, longtime administrator of St. Mary's Court, retired from her post at the end of January. Beatrice Watson, who has been St. Mary's Housing Operations Director, has been named acting administrator until an official appointment is made by the Board of Directors.

A letter from Brunton advising of her retirement follows. She will be missed by her many friends in Foggy Bottom, and most of all by the residents and staff of the wonderful facility she had headed since 1979, when it opened its doors.

"It is with mingled anticipation and sadness that I have decided to retire from the staff of St. Mary's Court . . . While I look forward to all the good

things that retirement brings, I also find sadness in ending my sixteen-year relationship with St. Mary's Court, its residents and members of the Foggy Bottom community.

"During these profoundly rewarding years, I have found many people of great good will in the community who have assisted immeasurably in the development of St. Mary's Court in countless ways.

"My purpose here is to thank you for that interest and encouragement. Our community support has been and remains a priceless asset to both the facility and its residents.

"With gratitude and my best wishes to you for the future.

Barbara J. Brunton
Administrator"

ANA Hosts Ice Carving Contest/Fund Raiser

The ANA Hotel's Bistro restaurant will host its Seventh Annual Ice Carving Competition Friday, March 10, 1995, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This NICA (National Ice Carving Association) sanctioned event, a fund-raiser for Children's Hospital, allows carvers the opportunity to accrue points toward a national competition and win cash prizes. The event's host is WJLA-TV weatherman, Dennis Ketterer. Winger the Eagle, the Washington Capitals mascot, will make a guest appearance.

A concession stand featuring soup, chili and specialty coffee drinks will be set up outside of

The Bistro. All proceeds from concession sales will be donated to Children's Hospital's New Horizon program, which provides hospitalized children exposure to the visual and performing arts. Live entertainment will be provided by the Dixie Cats, a New Orleans-style Dixieland jazz band.

In the event of severe rain or snow, a foul-weather date has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 1995. The Bistro is located at 2401 M Street, N.W. in Washington, D.C. Reservations are recommended for those wishing to lunch inside the restaurant, and can be made by calling (202) 457-5020.

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Health Report Examines Weight Reduction

The January/February issue of the National Women's *Health Report* examines why common approaches to weight loss fail. It offers practical advice for women about redirecting their energy away from being thin, and refocusing on health eating behavior.

According to the report, most individuals who are managing their weight are women, 50 percent of whom diet two or more times each year with little to no long term success at achieving their desired weight. Why do commercial or "homemade" diet strategies fail to keep promises of long-term weight loss?

Also featured in the January/February *Health Report* are resources about healthful approaches to weight management and reduction; updates on mammography screening for women under 50; and much more. The report is published by the National Women's Health Resource Center (NWHRC).

Copies for consumers are \$2/pre-paid; bulk orders are available. To request a copy of the Weight Reduction Health Report or for more information about other NWHRC services, call 202-293-6045 or write: NWHRC, 2440 M St., N.W., Suite 325, Washington, D.C. 20037.

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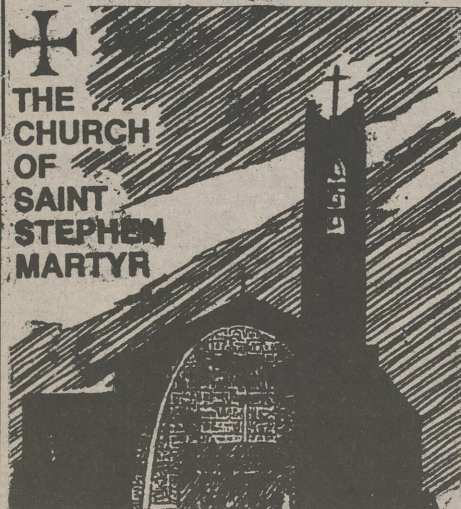
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ANC-2A Actions and Discussions

January 12, 1995

—Chair Jean Swift introduced new Commissioners Dale Barnhard, Michael Geroe and Dorothy Miller.

—Captain Swope, of Police 2nd District, gave the **monthly crime report**. Highlights, as always, included the high incidence of increased pickpocket activity in and around Metro stations, including Foggy Bottom-GWU station. Commissioners, and audience members, voiced their usual concerns about neighborhood encampments of homeless people. Captain Swope directed their concerns to the Department of Public Works.

—Former Commissioner Ed Kelly reported on testimony he gave, on behalf of ANC-2A, before the D.C. Zoning Commission, regarding proposed revisions to the D.C. Municipal Regulations on **Planned Unit Developments (PUDs)**. There was also a report on similar testimony given on behalf of FBA.

—Chair Jean Swift announced that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) has notified the ANC that GWU has resubmitted plans for a residence hall at the corner of 24th and H. The new plans incorporate all the lots between the parking lot and the Hillel House at the corner of 23rd and H. The commissioners unanimously adopted a motion authorizing the chair to write a letter to GWU asking for more information about the revised plans for the proposed residence hall. A BZA hearing has not yet been scheduled.

—Commissioner Dorothy Miller reported on her successful efforts to get the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) to accept public comments on its decision not to take a position on the BZA's proposed rulemaking on the **tolling of BZA orders** during the pendency of appeals to the D.C. Court of Appeals. The NCPC's position is that this proposed rulemaking affects no federal interest. Commissioner Miller, and others, disagree. The commissioners unanimously adopted a motion authorizing the chair to write a letter to Councilman Frank Smith, who chairs the committee with oversight authority over the BZA, opposing the rulemaking and asking him to intervene with BZA.

—Chair Jean Swift reported that an establishment at the corner of **23rd and M** has applied for a **liquor license**. The ANC will look into this further before the next meeting, and will communicate with the Dupont Circle ANC to co-ordinate efforts.

—Commissioner Maria Tyler reported on further developments concerning the site at the corner of **26th and L** that she previously reported would be home to some lovely row houses. This project has now been shelved. The property has now been purchased by the government of Egypt, which plans residences and office for its military attache. The PUD, as previously reported, has lapsed. The building proposed by the government of Egypt will proceed as a matter of right.

—Chair Jean Swift reported that the ANC has received communications from various public schools in the area, requesting the ANC's support in holding the line against **budget cuts for education**.

—Commissioner Mike Geroe reported similar communications from the firefighters' union regarding the policy of **rotating shutdowns of firehouses** on a daily basis. The firefighters view the policy, a cost-cutting measure, as dangerous, and seek the ANC's support, especially as the policy affects the firehouses in our neighborhood (M Street and G Street).

—Interim Treasurer Sara Maddux provided two reports: the quarterly report, to be submitted to the D.C. Government in order to get the next allotment of the ANC's budgetary allocation, and the monthly financial warrant. The **quarterly report** was adopted by a vote of 4-2. The **financial warrant** was adopted by a vote of 5-1.

The source of dissent on both votes was the ongoing dispute about attorney bills accumulated over the past two years.

—Commissioner Sara Maddux also reported that the recent budget cuts authorized by the City Council have cut the ANC's budget for FY 1995 in half. This will necessitate the ANC adopting a new budget by or at the February ANC meeting. The Commissioners unanimously adopted a motion suspending all discretionary spending by the ANC until a new budget can be adopted.

—**Elections** were held to choose new officers for the ANC:

Commissioner Sara Maddux was elected, by a vote of 6-0, as Chair. Commissioner Jean Swift was elected, by a vote of 4-2, as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Mike Geroe was elected, by a vote of 6-0, as Secretary. Commissioner Dale Barnhard was elected, by a vote of 4-2, as Treasurer.

—The Commissioners voted 5-0 with one abstention to **change the ANC's regular meeting night** from the 2nd Thursday of each month to the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The rationale was to better co-ordinate with the monthly meeting of the Federation of Civic Associations, and to be better prepared for deadlines set by the BZA and Zoning Commission.

—Because of a renovation project at the Lombardy Hotel, ANC meetings cannot be held there for the next six months. By consensus, the commissioners authorized Chair Sara Maddux to seek alternate **meeting places** and she was instructed to look for several places, so meetings could be held in various locations within the ANC boundaries.

—Commissioner Dorothy Miller moved that, in the future, the **previous meeting's minutes** should be dealt with at the beginning, rather than at the end, of the meeting. This motion passed 3-0 with 3 abstentions.

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down to the hospital morgue in the basement to lend moral support to the laborers who wouldn't work down there alone. Little did they know how scared I was! In 1958 when we were finishing up that project I got stuck in a ventilating duct trying to get some dead pigeons out — they were stinking up the Administrator's office. I think that was worse than the morgue — at least I could see where I was in the morgue. Some nice things about having our headquarters in the old Emergency Hospital building was the All States Inn which was next door, the lovely Octagon House up the street, and Rich's Restaurant at 19th and E which served the best blintzes this side of New York. I remember the "Dime" store on Pennsylvania Avenue at about 20th — a place where you could get anything you needed at any time.

And, of course, I remember the famous Quigley's Drugstore at 21st and G Streets, which had been in the Bottom forever (it was just recently closed), the Park Lane Apartments at about 20th & Pennsylvania Avenue, the Keystone Apartments and its corner drugstore just up the street.

The St Stephen's Parish School converted in 1954 to the Immaculate Conception Academy was taking hold at 24th and K. The Academy is the oldest girl's school still in the city.

Top Value Liquors had a tie line into the Potomac Plaza before we could turn around. The Terraces Cooperative Apartments and the AAUW building on 24th Street between G and H were just dreams in 1957; in fact, they weren't our dream. We thought we were getting a medical building on 24th with a lovely big park in between our two buildings. Our dream got rudely shattered and we wound up with a parking lot and not grass in between but we got two nice neighbors in the bargain — the Terraces and the American Association of University Women.

Historical St. Mary's Episcopal Church on 23rd St. between G and H was alive and well and glad to receive many of the newcomers to the area. St. M's is such a lovely old church, well worth your visiting now.

Beautiful Eye St. between 24th and 25th was just starting to bloom again in 1957. People who cared for history, character, and city living were buying up those little houses and were putting a lot



Snows Court Houses

of TLC to work to restore them. A walk down that street today is a delight. In 1957 25th St. sported the Alamac Apts. (now the River Inn), the Plaza Food Mart at the entrance to Snow's Court, and many little houses waiting for someone to lavish some attention on them. There was an apartment house on the corner of 25th

and K where Arthur Godfrey used to live; many little houses lined both sides of K St. between 25th and 26th (some are still there; some restored more than others); the big grey house on the southeast corner of 26th and K was occupied by the Fitzgerald Real Estate Firm (a family like mine which had come out of Southwest Washington) — you can still see the Fitzgerald name over the front door.

Going east on K Street: St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Parish Hall had finally found

what we hope will be their permanent home. Across the street at the northeast corner was the Monument Works where cemetery head stones, statues and the like were hand carved. Rosenblatt's Market was on the southwest corner of 25th and Eye before it moved to 25th and K. The Nelson Beck Upholsterers and Furniture Finishers were on the corner of 25th and H; Melita Rodeck's and Dr. Harris's houses at 25th and New Hampshire and H were waiting to be adopted by them; and New Hampshire Avenue between H and Eye was full of little houses on both sides of the street. I think the Elise Apts. was there in 1957; if not it came very quickly after.

George Washington University was already being dubbed by neighborhood residents as the Creeping Vine of the Bottom, crawling steadily along destroying many lovely old buildings and houses in its march toward progress. GW probably wouldn't admit it, least of all to us, but I bet they wish they had retained some of those old interesting homes. Just think of the character they would have added to the University grounds and the convenience they would have provided GW's professors and administrative staff — and the good public relations that would have accrued for the University with the community.

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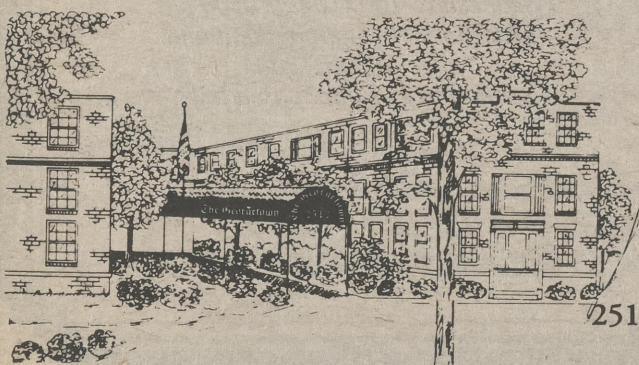
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